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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1252

**Introduced by Assembly Member Portantino
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Huffman)**

February 27, 2009

An act to add Section 4592.5 to the Public Resources Code, relating to forestry.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1252, as amended, Portantino. Forestry: timber harvesting plans.

Existing law requires a person conducting timber operations to prepare and submit to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection a timber harvesting plan, and authorizes a person who intends to become a nonindustrial tree farmer to file with the department a nonindustrial management plan, prepared by a registered professional forester.

This bill would ~~declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to require that timber harvesting plans be made available on the Internet in a timely manner~~ require the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, on or before July 1, 2010, to establish a uniform database on the Internet containing timber harvest plans and nonindustrial timber management plans submitted to the department for logging projects proposed to be conducted on nonfederal and private land in the state. The bill would also require the department, by January 1, 2011, to post past timber harvest plans on the Internet.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 *SECTION 1. Section 4592.5 is added to the Public Resources*
2 *Code, to read:*

3 4592.5. (a) *On or before July 1, 2010, the department shall*
4 *establish a uniform database on the Internet containing timber*
5 *harvest plans and nonindustrial timber management plans*
6 *submitted to the department for logging projects proposed to be*
7 *conducted on nonfederal and private land in the state.*

8 (b) *The department shall design the database to allow the public*
9 *to focus a search of the database according to a geographical*
10 *region, affected watershed, or other parameter that the department*
11 *determines useful.*

12 (c) *On and after July 1, 2010, the 15-day comment period*
13 *required pursuant to Section 4582.7 shall not commence until the*
14 *complete timber harvesting plan, including suggested mitigation*
15 *methods from relevant agencies and departments, has been posted*
16 *pursuant to this section.*

17 (d) *On or before January 1, 2011, the department shall post*
18 *past timber harvest plans on the Internet to allow the public to*
19 *focus a search of the department's database according to a*
20 *geographical region, affected watershed, or other parameter that*
21 *the department determines useful.*

22 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~
23 ~~legislation to require that timber harvesting plans be made available~~
24 ~~on the Internet in a timely manner.~~